

## CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY

John M. Stout Was Too Old to  
Serve In Civil War

Hundredth Anniversary of His Birth  
Celebrated in Alamance County—  
Was Born in Rowan County and  
Went to Alamance in 1815.

So seldom does a human life round out a full one hundred years that any such event becomes one of more than passing interest. On April 6th, Mr. John M. Stout of Southern Alamance, celebrated his 100th birthday under very pleasant conditions. It was typical April weather, as variable as life itself, sunshine, clouds, shadows, strong winds and gentle breezes. It was just such a day as delights the farmer's heart for work, but from near and far, relatives, neighbors and friends gathered at the old homestead until six hundred and were there in the spirit of the occasion. At the noon hour a bountiful feast was spread under the branches of a giant oak whose magnificent proportions



JOHN M. STOUT.

Taken On His 100th Birthday, April  
Sixth.

seemed, to proclaim it a century old also. Three long tables fairly groaned under the weight of their burden and were only relieved to an extent by the large crowd present.

Mr. Stout was the recipient of a number of gifts. A gold-headed cane from the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society was presented by Mr. Thos. F. McVey, of Snow Camp. He spoke of his peculiar interest in the occasion from the fact that his maternal grandfather was the only citizen beside Mr. Stout to reach the century mark during the 161 years of our community's history. Mr. McVey paid high tribute to the work and influence of the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society during the three-quarters of continuous service since its organization in 1833 and spoke gratefully of the faithfulness of Mr. Stout who has ever been loyal to its principles and served the society in every capacity as officer since he became a member in 1834. The speaker plead for a tenderer care for the aged and emphasized the possibilities of old age, in connection quoting appropriately and at length from Longfellow's "Morituri Salutamus."

Mr. George Hinshaw, of Winston Salem, a former resident of our community, was next introduced and spoke feelingly of his early associations, with particular reference to Mr. Stout and presented to him a large arm chair, the gift of neighbors and friends, making the happy comment that the recipient was well provided for, with a cane to use while he was yet young and an arm chair to rest in when he became old. Numerous other gifts of gold coin, etc., from individuals, came to hand.

A rather unique exercise of the day was the auctioneering of two dozen gourds raised by Mr. Stout last year, which amounted to a neat little sum.

Four hundred and seventy-five persons registered in a gift book provided for the purpose. Among those who came from a distance for the occasion were Mr. Hinshaw, of Winston-Salem; Mr. Thomas H. Stuart, of Spencer; Rev. R. B. Lineberry, of Pittsboro; Mr. John W. Perry, of Siler City; Mr. Samuel Devinney, of Julian, and Mr. Slack, of Ramseur, who brought plates over a hundred years old from which the centenarian ate his dinner.

Mr. Stout is one of the few men liv-

ing who has the distinction of having been too old to serve in the Civil War. He was one who helped to make his State the last to leave the Union but was loyal to the Confederacy when at last North Carolina became a part of it. He has been a life-long Democrat and voted in the last general election.

Mr. Stout was born in Rowan County, from which his parents removed to this then Orange County, in moved to this, then Orange county, in the first time to Miss Catharine Glenn and last to Miss Hannah Fox still living. Of his five children four were present on his birthday—Messrs. John Jr., William and Jacob Stout, all of Alamance and Mrs. William Allen, of Kansas. Another daughter, Mrs. J. H. Allen lives in Texas.

## AT LEESVILLE.

Delightful Commencement Exercises  
Thursday and Friday.

The closing exercises of the Leesville High School took place Thursday night, Friday, and Friday night of the past week. The exercises were well attended throughout, and everyone present was delighted with their high quality.

On Friday night there was a declamation contest, three boys being contestants. The following young ladies contested for the reciter's medal, Misses Minnie Edwards, Lena Jackson, Owen Thompson, Lina Smith, Lydia Sorrell, Annie Bledsoe, and Ollie Sorrell. The recitations were of a very high order, and the committee, composed of Misses Edith Royster and Daisy Reid and Superintendent Z. V. Judd, awarded the medal to Miss Lydia Sorrell, daughter of Mr. Adolphus Sorrell.

The exercises on Friday morning consisted of dialogues and songs by the school, and an address by Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. and M. College.

A bountiful picnic dinner was served on the church grounds.

The program for the afternoon was

given over to exercises by Rogers' Store Council, No. 232, Jr. O. U. A. M., which council presented a flag and a Bible to the Leesville High School. Superintendent Judd made the address of presentation for the Council, and Mr. R. D. W. Connor, Secretary of the State Historical Society, made the address of acceptance for the school committee.

In the afternoon there was a ball game, and at night the annual concert was given.

Prof. and Mrs. S. E. Garner and Mrs. G. C. Bledsoe have had a most excellent school this year. In order to make such a school possible, people of the Leesville community raised, by private subscription and turned over to the county treasurer for the use of their school, something over \$500.

Mrs. Garner, daughter of Mr. D. G. Conn, of this city, was in charge of the department of music, and her pupils, through their exercises at the commencement, reflected much credit on their teacher.

## THE STRIKE STILL ON.

Vote Taken at the Barns Last Night—  
Announce Result Today.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., April 16.—Contrary to expectations the striking motormen and conductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company did not call off the strike at today's mass meeting but decided to put the question to a vote of all the men at the nineteen barns tonight and tomorrow. The result of the vote will be immediately sent to strike headquarters and it is expected that the poll will show a majority for a return to work. The strike leaders hope to be able to make the vote public tomorrow afternoon and they fully expect to see the men back at work early next week.

The meeting today was to ratify the action of the executive committee of the strikers of accepting the offer made by the traction company on March 20. C. O. Pratt, National organizer of the Amalgamated Associa-

tion of Street and Electric Railway employees, presided at the meeting. He urged the men to accept the proposition and declared that it will result in an ultimate victory for them.

The main feature of the company's offer provides for a return of the men after which their grievances including wages will be taken up with committees. The 174 men whose discharge precipitated the strike are to be taken back and their cases arbitrated. All men who cannot be immediately reinstated in their old positions are to receive \$2 a day until they receive a regular run.

## CENSUS MEN BUSY.

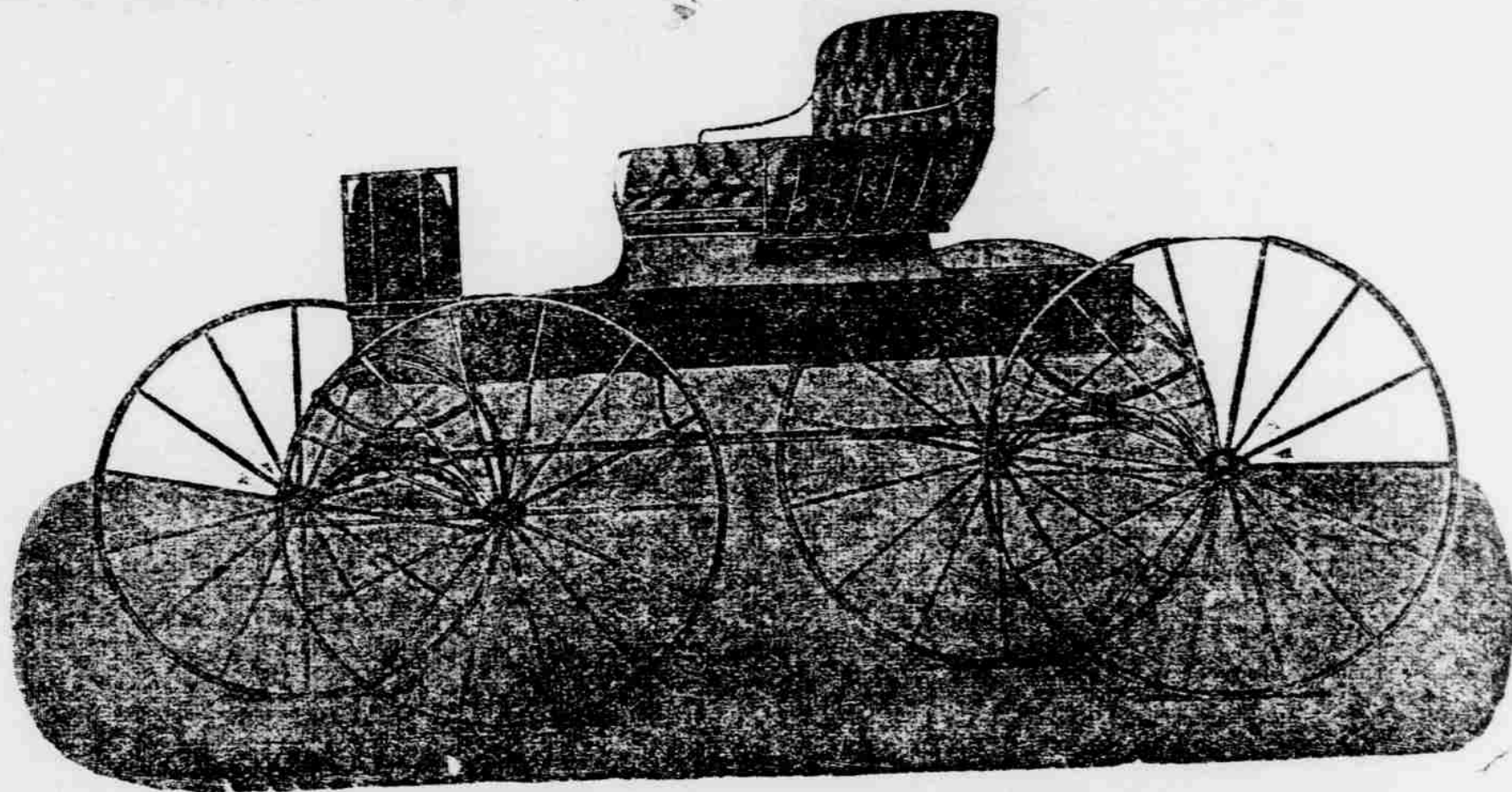
Census Supervisor W. C. Pearson announced yesterday that the enumerators assigned to take the census of the city of Raleigh were hard at work, but that one of them, Mr. John Ross, had been taken ill. Among the enumerators there are two ladies.

The enumerators have already turned in to Mr. Pearson, according to the regulations, slips containing the names of ten families. This was done in order that the supervisor might make any corrections and warn the enumerators against further mistakes of like nature. All the slips, said Mr. Pearson, were practically correct, showing that the enumerators were "on the job."

The enumerators have two weeks in which to take the census.

## At Joyner School.

Friday night the J. Y. Joyner School, in St. Mary's Township, celebrated its closing exercises. There was a large crowd present, and all enjoyed the exercises by the school. The Woman's Betterment Association served ice cream and cake, and conducted a voting contest for the most popular young lady. Miss Merle Roberts, the teacher, won in this contest. The Association cleared about \$24.00 for the school.



## MR. CONSUMER:

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